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Errico et al.

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For: ARTIFICIAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC  
TRIALS HAVING A CYLINDRICAL  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.